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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address:

determining if the request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto, determining a level of access to the proxy server; and

responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network.

2. (Original) The method of claim1 wherein the step of determining comprises the step of:

analyzing at least one of the user, the request and a response received by the network in response to the request.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of receiving comprises the step of receiving a DNS request, and, wherein the step of determining comprises the step of analyzing the response is received by the network in response to the request.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of responding comprises the step of providing the IP address of the proxy server associated with the network.

- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of responding comprises the step of redirecting the request to the proxy server associated with the network.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address;

determining if the request is directed to a proxy server;

responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network;

receiving a request from the computing device directed to the proxy server associated with the network, after the step of responding; and

determining the level of access to the proxy server;

redirecting the computing device to a predetermined location if the level of access is determined to not include access outside of the proxy server; and

allowing the request to proceed to the proxy server associated with the network if the level of access is determined to include access outside of the proxy server.

- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined location comprises a site which requires a login.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step of redirecting further comprises the steps of:

requesting a login from the computing device;

processing the login; and

redirecting the request to proceed to the proxy server upon successful processing.

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9. (Previously Presented) A machine executable code for bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network comprising:

means for receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS or IP address;

means for determining if the request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto determining a level of access to the proxy server; and means for responding to the request with the identification of a proxy server associated with the network.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of bypassing proxy settings of a computing device on a network wherein the proxy settings do not correspond to the network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from the computing device in the form of a DNS request; determining if the DNS request is directed to a proxy server, and responsive thereto, determining a level of access to the proxy server; and

responding to the request with the IP address of a proxy server associated with the network.

11. (Canceled).